Delhi Rent Control Act

† 4079. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Rent Control Act is lying pending for the last five years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to make amendments in this Act; and

(d) by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Delhi Rent Act, 1995 was enacted on 23.8.1995 but it has not been enforced so far. The main reason for non-enforcement was the agitation launched against some of the provisions of the Delhi Rent Act, 1995.

(c) and (d) The Government after examining the issue in detail decided to effect changes in some of the provisions of the said Act. Accordingly Delhi Rent (Amendment) Bill, 199? proposing certain changes was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 28.7.1997. The Bill was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban & Rural Development. The Committee examined the BUI and submitted its recommendations before the Parliament on 21.12.2000. The amended Act will be brought into force after the Amendment Bill is passed by both the Houses of Parliament and assented to by the President.

Legislation on Building Regulations

4080. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of

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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been formulating a comprehensive legislation on building regulations;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether a seminar on 'How safe is Delhi* was held at New Delhi recently in which several eminent personalities participated;

(d) if so, the details of discussion held in the seminar and the outcome thereof; and

(e) to what extent the law would curb and blacklist errant builders and promoters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Committee has been constituted for drafting a comprehensive legislation and controls the activities of builders and developers. This legislation proposes to serve the purpose of having an effective law for Delhi and other Union Territories. It also proposes to have a model law, which could be recommended for adoption by the State Governments with such modifications, as they consider appropriate. The first meeting of the Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (UD) on March 30, 2001.

(c) Yes Sir, on 12.3.2001.

(d) Various aspects about planned development of the city and other urban development aspects were discussed.

(e) Housing being a State subject, it would be the responsibility of the State Governments to effectively enforce it after it is finalised.